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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ben Bacque et al.

Group Art Unit 2662

Serial No. 09/199,786

Examiner: Joe Logsdon

Filed: November 25, 1998

For: CONTROLLING ATM LAYER TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS BASED ON
PHYSICAL LAYER DYNAMIC RATE ADAPTATION

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 11, 13 and 14 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) In a communications system for
transporting data traffic downstream from an upstream source over
a path which includes a transmission link having a physical layer
transport rate which is subject to variations as a function of time
5 due to actual conditions of the transmission link itself,
temperature variations and/or electromagnetic interference, a
method of managing transmission of the data traffic through the
system, the method comprising: the steps of: monitoring the
instantaneous physical layer transport rate of said transmission
10 link; sending to said upstream source a management message
including rate information based on the monitored instantaneous